

March 29, 2013

Dr. Thomas Armitage Designated Federal Officer (DFO), SAB Staff Office U.S. EPA Science Advisory Board (1400A) 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20460-0001

RE: Request for Nominations of Experts for a Science Advisory Board Panel to Review EPA's Draft Science Synthesis Report on the Connectivity of Streams and Wetlands to Downstream Waters [FRL–9787–9]

Dear Dr. Armitage:

RISE (Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment) [®] is pleased to nominate G. Douglas Pullman, PhD., to serve on the Science Advisory Board Panel to review EPA's Draft Science Synthesis Report on the Connectivity of Streams and Wetlands to Downstream Waters.

Dr. Pullman is a highly recognized and experienced scientist, who will be a strong contributor in developing a draft report on peer-reviewed scientific literature pertaining to biological, chemical, and hydrologic connectivity of waters, and the effects that small streams, wetlands, and open waters have on larger downstream waters such as rivers, lakes, estuaries, and oceans.

Dr. Pullman meets the expert qualifications set forth in the Federal Register notice, including the necessary domains of knowledge, the relevant scientific perspectives, and the collective breadth of experience to adequately address the charge.

Specifically, Dr. Pullman received his Ph.D. (Major in Limnology with an emphasis on aquatic vegetation management) from Michigan State University. He has published numerous articles on aquatic health and management, and he is the co-founder and active participant in the South Eastern Michigan Aquatic Resources Stewardship Program with MSU Extension Service and regional watershed groups. He has a deep understanding of aquatic plant management and issues associated with watershed scale management, sediment, agrochemical runoff, and associated monitoring programs.

We are pleased to support Dr. Pullman's nomination. Please contact us if you have any questions or would like any further information (phone: 202-872-3845 or email: dhoskins@pestfacts.org).

Sincerely,

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Manager, Regulatory Policy

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Enclosure: G. Douglas Pullman Curriculum Vitae